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September 13, 1960

The Honorable Christian A. Herter The Secretary of State Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Chris:

I have given careful consideration to your letter of Sepis aber 19, 1960, enclosing a statement of the functions of the United States Dis. armament Administration, and asking for my comments.

I think this is ever-all a good statement. I would sugges in paragraph three, inserting "recommendations for" before the word "policies" in line three.

I am asking to discuss with Mr. Gullion on a or two points he has in mind which might be included, and he will be taking these up immediately.

With many thanks for giving me the opportunity to see that drawing I remain

Sincerely,

(Signed) ALLEN W. DULLES

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Dear Allen:

You will recall that Doug Dillon sent you a letter on August 29 on the United States Disargement Administration. As you know, the Department of State has today issued a press release announcing its establishment.

To help launch this new organization, it has been proposed that the President set forth its purposes in a letter to the heads of agencies most closely associated with the U. S. Government's disarmament activities. A copy of this proposed letter is attached.

I am also enclosing a statement of the functions of the United States Disarmament Administration on which I would appreciate your comments. The functional statement will be incorporated in appropriate Department of State ennouncements and will, undoubtedly, be used in Congression t presentations.

I think it would be desirable if the Presidential letter could be issued and subsequent Department of State announcements on the new Administration be made within the next two or three days. I would, therefore, appreciate your urgent consideration of the attachments.

With warmest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

/s/ Chris

Christian A. Herter

Attachments:

1) Copy of proposed letter

from the President.

2) Statement of functions.

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(a) Statement of functions.

The Honorable

Allen Dulles,

Director,

Central Intelligence Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE



WASHINGTON

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Dear Allen:

taken pursuant to plans initiated by the Freeident to retablish a high-level organization within the Department of State to ser e as a food point for military and technical studies and reses on on dissemblems. You will recall our plan to staff this organization in part with experts borrowed from the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, and the Atomic Energy Const said

As you know, we have in the past several months been seeing a qualified public figure to head this organization. In the sem time, we have gone sheed with our plans. On or about Septem er 1960, there will be amounced the establishment within the De art ment of State of a United States Disarrament Administration. This organization will be staffed with personnel from other agencies as well as the Department of State.

In midition to coordinating or conducting an intensified program of study and remearch, the new organisation will be a speciable for formulating policies with respect to the limitation and control, by interestional agreement, of armed forces and weap as of all kinds and will have responsibility for direction and a procint of interestional agreement in this field.

Mr. Edward A. Gullion has been appointed Acting Deputy Direct of the Disarrament Group in the Department which will form the mealous of the new United States Disarrament Administration. I have asked him to domainionts with your agency to complete at engineents for the detail of personnel from your agency.

Mr. Philip Farley, now Special Assistant for Disarrament and Atomic Energy, will continue to serve as Special Assistant to Chr with responsibilities which will include nuclear and outer-space matters.

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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles,

Director of the Contral Intelligence Agency.

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We do not now contemplate any change in the present arrangements for inter-departmental participation in the development of policy on disamment.

We look forward to continued cooperation with you in these matters of such great importance for our national security and well being, and are confident that we can build together an effective organization and a sound, resourceful policy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

/S/ DOUGLAS DILLON

Acting Besretary

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The Honorable Christman A. Herter Secretary of State Washington, D. C.

Dear Chris:

Thank you for your letter of 11 April on your intention to establish an organisation with senior status within the Department of State as a focal point for diserment study and receptoh.

There is clearly a need for more systematic study and research on some control problems than has been available to us up to this point. Hence, I believe that any organisation which will give new impetus in this field is most desirable.

I note that you will be in bouch with me shortly concerni w the assistance you desire in staffing this new organization. We will be happy to senist in any way we can.

Patthfully yours,

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Allen V. Dulles

Director

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: New State Organization for Disarrament

- 1. Attached for your signature is brief acknowledgment of Herter letter, endorsing his proposal in principle.
- 2. As background, Phil Farley tells me that State contemplates a semi-autonomous "authority" whose chief would be at a level comparable to Riddleberger or George Allen. It would not only monitor research but itself do arms control planning. Policy formulation, however, would remain on the same interdepartmental basis.
- 3. The new "suthority" will be set up on an ad hon basis this year, but State plans to seek enabling legislation in 1961.
- and I both shared the Killian-Kistiskowsky view that this function should be lodged in the Executive Office, to raise it above the endemic interdepartmental hassling in this field. However, the die is now east, and State's initiative is emphatically in the right direction.

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Dear Allen:

As you already know, the Department of State has been considering what steps it might take to strengthen its ability to deal with disarmament. It has done this in response to the President's wish that there be a permanent unit within the Government to handle disarmament and that this unit be in the Department of State.

We are establishing an organization which will have senior status within the Department of State and whose head will report directly to the Secretary of State. We hope to staff the organization in part with experts borrowed from CIA, AEC and the Department of Defense.

We envisage that the organization will be a focal point for political, military and technical study and research on disarmement. It will itself conduct or contract for some studies and research and will provide central coordination of similar activities which will, of course, continue in the agencies having responsibilities for aspects of disarmement.

We do not contemplate any change in the present arrangements for inter-departmental participation in the development of policy recommendations on disarmement.

We will shortly be in touch with you concerning the experts we hope you will assign to this organization.

Of course,

The Honorable
Allen Dulles,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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Of course, if in the meantime you have any questions of this matter, I shall be glad to discuss them with you.

With warmest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

/S/ CHRISTIAN A. HERTER

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

SUBJECT

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: Reply to Herter Letter on USDA

1.	The attached reply is drafted so that you can strike out	
any of t	the suggestions which do not appeal to you. However,	
	and I both felt that the Presidential letter needed	
dressing	t up.	

- 2. I understand that both Defense and AEC will have several minor amendments designed to ensure that the new USDA will in no way usurp the present inter-agency coordinating mechanism. Since State gave assurance to this effect in previous letters, we do not feel that we need labor this point.
- 3. Do you have any compunctions about CIA being publicly identified with the new USDA via the Presidential letter? Our past participation is of course no secret and was specifically mentioned in the official history of the Stassen effort, but we thought would raise this point.

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DRAFT LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Chris:

We have no objections to the proposed presidential letter or to the description of the functions of the new Us Disarmament Administration attached to your letter of September 9th.

However, I do believe that the impact of the letter in particular as a public opinion document could be inhanced. For example, it might help to reorder the paragraphs putting the penultimate paragraph second and following it by what is now the fourth paragraph.

It might also be desirable to mention the President's expectation that an outstanding public figur will be appointed to head the new unit.

Finally, in view of the importance of this endeavor, I would tentatively suggest an additional function, i.e. "liaision with the Congress and with private organizations having interest and competence in the broad disarmament field." There may be valid reasons for omitting this or my preceding suggestion but I do believe that they would enhance the public reception.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles Director

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DATE TRANSMITTAL SLIP 15 September 1960 TO: ROOM NO. BUILDING REMARKS: Attached hereto is a complete set of Herter-Dillon-Dulles correspondence re new U.S. Disarmament Organization for your files. Some of this you have already had in your files and some of it is new. We are holding the original Disarmement files. copies in FROM: O/DD/I (ROOM NO. BUILDING EXTENSION 3/1/7 Admin FORM NO . 241 REPLACES FORM 36-8 WHICH MAY BE USED. (47)

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